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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 28, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect amendment of previously pending claims 1, 9, 12, 16, 20, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, 73-77, 79-81, 83-88, 90-94, 96-100, 102-106, 110, 113, 116, 118, and 124 and addition of new claims 126-127. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

1. (Amended) A capacitor, comprising:

a first electrode;

a second electrode;

a single compound, dielectric layer interposed between the first electrode and the second electrode; and

a metal oxide buffer layer intermediate the dielectric layer and one of the first and second electrodes.

9. (Amended) A capacitor, comprising:

a first electrode;

a second electrode;

a single compound, dielectric layer interposed between the first electrode and the second electrode; and